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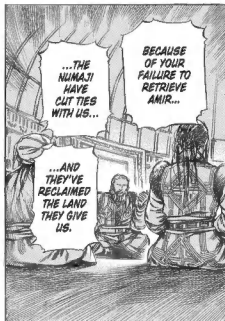
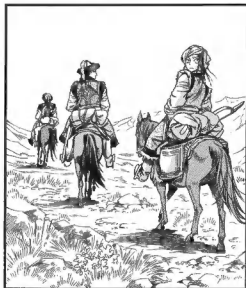
AWOOOO...

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN
VISITATION



W0000...







WINTER IS ON ITS WAY...

...AND WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH LAND FOR GRAZING.

IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING, BOTH WE AND OUR SHEEP WILL STARVE!



...AND NOW WE'VE BECOME A LAUGHING-STOCK!

WORSE, WE WERE HUMILIATED BY THOSE TOWNS-PEOPLE...



UNCLE!

A RUSSIAN ARMY UNIT IS STATIONED THERE...



LISTEN, AZEL.

YOU MUST GO TO BADAN AND MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR US.



THOSE BORDER-STRADDLING BARBARIANS!

BESIDES, THE RUSSIANS ARE NOTHING!



THE BADAN CLAN IS DESCENDED FROM THE SAME ANCESTORS AS US.



WE'RE GOING TO STEAL BACK OUR LAND FROM THOSE VILLAINS!

IF THE NUMA! THINK WE'LL TAKE THIS LYING DOWN, THEY'RE IN FOR A SURPRISE!



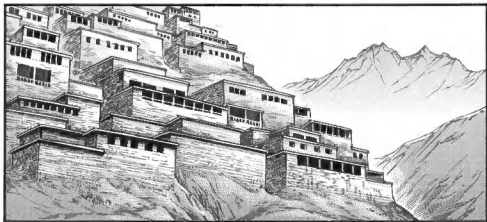
WHAT'S WRONG WITH COMBINING OUR STRENGTH WITH THEIRS?



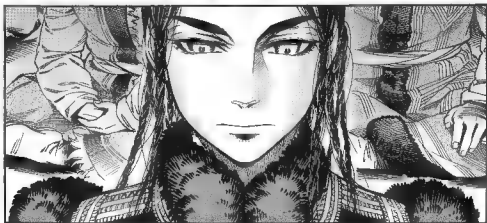
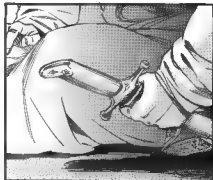
DO YOU INTEND TO TURN TRAITOR AND ALLY OUR CLAN WITH THE ENEMY?

NO ONE SAID ANYTHING ABOUT ALLYING WITH THE RUSSIANS!











BLOOD
IS THICKER
THAN
WATER.

THE
BONDS OF
THE CLAN ARE
STRONGER
THAN
STEEL.



I ACCEPT
YOUR
OFFER.

WELL,
WHY
NOT?



.....UNDER-
STOOD.



OUR
CLANS
SHOULD
MEET
OFFI-
CIALLY TO
DISCUSS
THE MAT-
TER.

YOU
CAN DECIDE
WHEN AND
WHERE.



AS LONG
AS WE
FIGHT
TOGETHER...

...THERE
IS NO
ENEMY
THAT CAN
STAND
AGAINST
US!



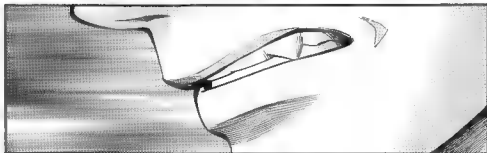
ANYTIME
YOU USE
WARRIORS,
SOME WILL
BE LOST.

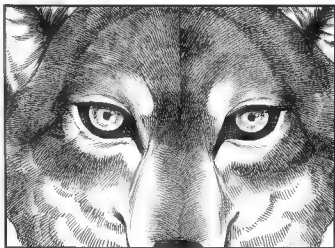
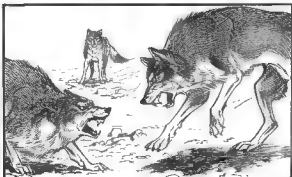
SO THE
MORE THE
BETTER.

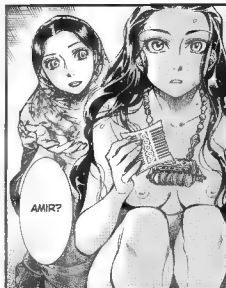
ARE
YOU SURE
ABOUT
THOSE
PEOPLE?



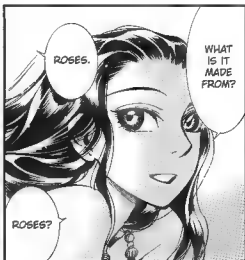


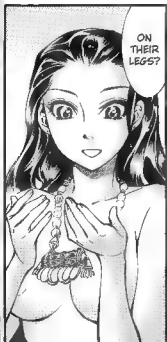
















THE SITUATION IS NOT GOOD.

I DOUBT THAT WE COULD STAND AGAINST A RUSSIAN INVASION.



IT'S REALLY ALL RIGHT.

NO, IT IS NOT!



IF THINGS KEEP GOING AS THEY ARE, THERE'S NO TELLING HOW BAD IT COULD GET.

YOUR STORIES FRIGHTEN ME.

AND PERSIA IS IN DANGER TOO.

...THERE ARE CLANS WHO HAVE BEEN LURED IN BY THE RUSSIANS THROUGH OFFERS OF LAND AND POSITION.

IT'S TIMES LIKE THESE THAT WE MUST ALL UNITE, YET...



IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.

IT SEEMS THEY'RE WANDERING AROUND ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE CASPIAN.

NO, CERTAINLY PERSIA WON'T QUIETLY SIT BY AS RUSSIA ADVANCES.



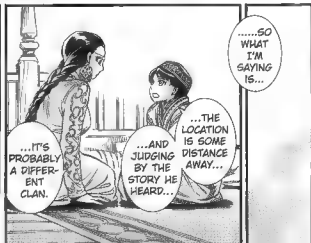
...THE RUSSIANS WEREN'T THERE YET.

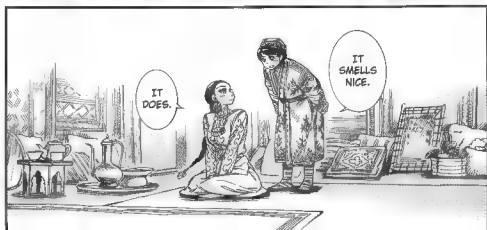
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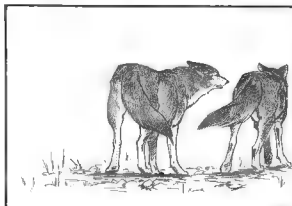


COME TO THINK OF IT, YUSUF WAS JUST IN PERSIA.

HOW WAS IT THERE?











THE
CENTRAL
GARDEN'S
BEEN
SWEEP?

AND THE
WATER HAS
BEEN SET
TO BOIL?



ALL OF
THE FOOD
HAS BEEN
PREPARED,
CORRECT?



YES, I
KNOW.

BUT DEAR,
PARIYA
IS...

WELL,
PUT
HER IN
HER BEST
CLOTHES
ANYWAY.

ORO
ORO
ORO
(PANIC)



GOOD.
GOOD.

WE HAVE
IMPORTANT
BUSINESS
TO DISCUSS.

AND
NOTHING
MUST GO
WRONG.



HE SAID HE
WOULD VERY
MUCH LIKE TO
COME HERE
TO SPEAK
WITH YOU
ABOUT IT.

HE
ASKED
ME TO
PASS THE
MESSAGE
ALONG TO
YOU.



YES.

THE YOUNG
MAN'S FATHER
SEEMED QUITE
TAKEN WITH
PARIYA.



STILL...
I NEVER
EXPECTED
THIS TO
HAPPEN...

YOU
MEAN
PARIYA?













BUT
EVERY-
BODY
HATES
ME!

THAT
ISN'T
TRUE.



...I CAN'T BE
LIKE NORMAL
PEOPLE AND
JUST SAY
NICE THINGS.



I THINK
THE YOUNG
MAN MAY
SIMPLY HAVE
A MISTAKEN
IMPRESSION
OF YOU.

I REALLY
LIKE YOU,
PARIYA.



HE'S
SO MAD
AT ME.

WELL,
I'M SURE
HE'LL NEVER
COME
NEAR ME
AGAIN.



EVERY-
BODY
HATES
ME!

SOMEBODY
HATES
YOU?

OBVI-
OUSLY!

AND I
THOUGHT
THIS TIME
WAS GOING
TO BE THE
ONE!









ARAL SEA

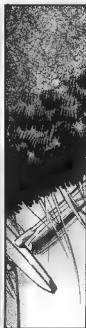
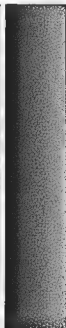
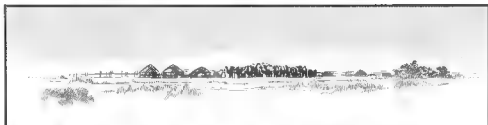
SYR DARYA
(RIVER)

AMU DARYA
(RIVER)

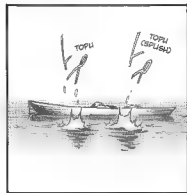
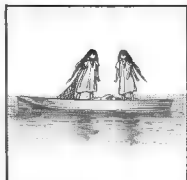
KYZYLKUM DESERT

◆
CHAPTER NINETEEN
THE TWINS OF
THE ARAL SEA
◆

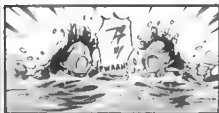
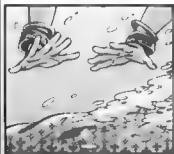












...I'M
FINE...

STILL
ALIVE...

BOSS!!

NOT
DEAD,
ARE
YOU,
BOSS!?







THIS?

IT'S
THIS,
RIGHT?



PA
CRASH!



TH-TH-
TH-THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!

I'M
SAVED...

















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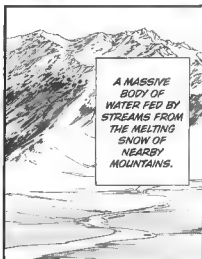
THE
ARAL
SEA...

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...THERE
ARE A LARGE
NUMBER OF
FISHING
VILLAGES,
FISH MAR-
KETS, AND
LOCATIONS
FOR PRO-
CESSING
FISH.

THE ARAL SEA
BOASTS A
LOWER SALT
CONTENT THAN
THE OCEAN, AND
BECAUSE OF THE
ABUNDANCE OF
FISH AND OTHER
SEA LIFE AVAIL-
ABLE FOR THE
FISHERMEN...



A MASSIVE
BODY OF
WATER FED BY
STREAMS FROM
THE MELTING
SNOW OF
NEARBY
MOUNTAINS.



A VILLAGE
BLESSED
WITH A
THRIVING
FISHING
INDUSTRY
SINCE
ANCIENT
TIMES.

THIS
VILLAGE
OF MUNAQ
IS ONE OF
THOSE.



◆
CHAPTER TWENTY
AFTER THE
BIG ONE
◆







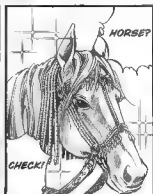
IF YOU'VE
GOT TIME TO
WORRY ABOUT
THAT FOOLISH-
NESS, GO FIND
YOUR MOTHER
AND HELP HER
OUT!!

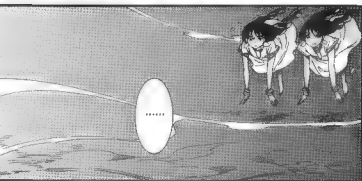
GO
TALK TO
THEM
NOW!

FA-
THER!
FA-
THER!
MARRY
US TO
THOSE
TWO!











WAIT!
WHAT IS
THIS!?

HE'S
OUT
COLD!



BUCHI
(CLAP)

BUCHI



HE'D
BETTER
STILL BE
ALIVE!

WELL,
WE CAN'T
JUST
LEAVE
HIM LIKE
THIS!



HANG
ON!

HE'S
SLIP-
PING!
HE'S
SLIP-
PING!



DON'T
YOU DARE
LET GO,
LAILA!

WE
GOTTA
TAKE
HIM
BACK
HOME...

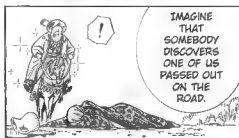


I HIT
HIM
JUST
LIKE I
WAS
SUP-
POSED
TO!

YOU
IDIOT!
IF HE
DOESN'T
FALL
INTO THE
WATER,
IT WON'T
WORK!



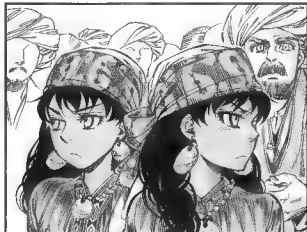














HE COULD
HAVE
DENTED
OUR
SKULLS!

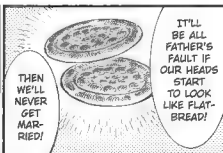
FATHER
DIDN'T
HAVE TO
HIT US
SO HARD!

WHAT'S
HIS
PROB-
LEM?



BUT
WON'T
THAT
MAKE
US GO
BALD?

MAYBE IF
WE GRAB
OUR HAIR
AND PULL
UPWARD, OUR
HEADS WILL
GO BACK TO
NORMAL.



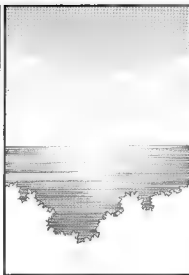
THEN
WE'LL
NEVER
GET
MAR-
RIED!

IT'LL
BE ALL
FATHER'S
FAULT IF
OUR HEADS
START
TO LOOK
LIKE FLAT-
BREAD!



LAILAI!

LEILY!





BUT...

NO BUTS!

LOOK AT YOU, AT YOUR AGE!



WHERE HAVE YOU TWO BEEN FOOLING AROUND?!

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HELPING ME!



NOBODY'S FOUND US ANYONE TO MARRY YET!

BUT MOTHER!

IF IT KEEPS ON LIKE THIS, WE'LL WIND UP OLD MAIDS!



AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU COULD LOOK AFTER YOUR BROTHERS!

LEILY!

LAILA!

WARA!



YOUR FATHER IS SEEING TO THAT RIGHT NOW!



YOU TWO HAVE NO REASON TO WORRY YOURSELVES OVER THAT!



I WONDER
IF HE'S
REALLY
THINKING
ABOUT IT.



FATHER'S
NEVER SAID
A SINGLE
WORD TO US
ABOUT IT.

AT OUR AGE,
WOULDN'T A
FATHER NORMALLY
HAVE GOTTEN
SOME OFFERS?



TOPU
CSPLASH

WHAT'LL
HAPPEN IF HE
NEVER DECIDES
ON GROOMS
FOR US?



I CAN
SEE HOW
A FATHER
WOULDN'T
WANT TO BE
PARTED WITH
HIS SWEET,
YOUNG
DAUGHTERS,
BUT...

FATHER'S
TOO GREEDY
AND WANTS
US ALL TO
HIMSELF.



BOTH OF
US WILL
MAKE LOTS
AND LOTS OF
MONEY!

THAT'S
GOOD!

OKAY, IF
HE DOESN'T
FIND GROOMS,
THAT'S WHAT
WE'LL DO!



...AND
YOU CAN
STAY AT
MY INN!



THEN I'LL
OPEN AN
INN FOR
CARAVAN-
NERS...

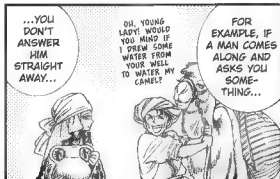
YEAH,
GOOD
IDEA!

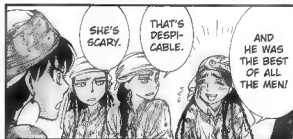
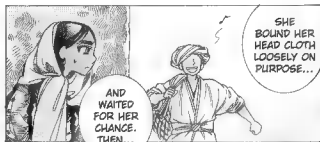


THEN
I'LL JUST
START A
CARAVAN...

...AND
GET
REALLY,
REALLY
RICH!











...SO
EVERYONE IN
THE VILLAGE
WORKED
TOGETHER TO
PULL THEM UP
ONSHORE.

IT
SEEMED
ALL THE
BOATS
WOULD BE
WASHED
AWAY...



IT WAS A
DAY I'LL
NEVER
FORGET...
TWENTY
YEARS
AGO...

THE DAY
OF A
HUGE
TYPHOON
...



...I
FORGOT
TO TETHER
MY BOAT
TO SHORE.



I WAS
TRYING
TO HELP
TOO...
...BUT I
WAS IN
SUCH A
PANIC...



BUT
LUCK WAS
WITH ME,
AND I
STOPPED.

I MUST
HAVE BEEN
CAUGHT
ON SOME
DRIFTWOOD
OR SOME-
THING...



MOTH-
ERRR!

DRIFT-
ING
OUT TO
SEA!

SHE'S
DRIFT-
ING
AWAY!

A
A
A
A
A



THAT'S
WHEN YOUR
FATHER
CAME TO MY
RESCUE.



THE BOAT
HAD NO OARS.
AND WITH
THE STORM
WAVES, I
COULD NEVER
HAVE MADE
IT BACK.

IT WAS ALL
I COULD
DO TO GRIP
THE BOAT
AND NOT
BE WASHED
INTO THE
SEA.



HE WAS
JUST SO, SO
STRONG
AND HEROIC...

...I
MELTED
RIGHT
THERE!



WELL,
IT'S ALWAYS
BETTER
WHEN THERE
IS LOVE
BEFORE SUCH
DISCUSSIONS
BEGIN.

ACTUALLY,
THERE'S SOME-
THING I
WANTED TO
DISCUSS...

THAT
WAS
WHEN HER
FATHER
CAME TO
OUR HOUSE
WITH THE
PROPOS-
AL.



HE CAME
RUSHING
OUT,
IGNORING
THE WIND
AND RAIN...

...AND
LIFTED THE
ENTIRE
BOAT AND
CARRIED
IT TO
SHORE.



SO BE
SURE TO
GATHER
EACH AND
EVERY
THING I
TELL YOU.



NOW LISTEN
CAREFULLY.
YOU HAVE TO
GATHER THE
NECESSARY
MATERIALS.

IT'S A
CHARM THAT
WILL ENSURE YOU
FIND THE BEST
GROOMS AND
HAVE THE MOST
WONDERFUL
WEDDINGS.

THAT'S
RIGHT.



THE
BIG
ONES,
YOU
HEAR?

AND
ONE FULL
BAG OF
SHRIMP.



THEN
YOU'LL
NEED
ONE FULL
BASKET
OF SHELL-
FISH.

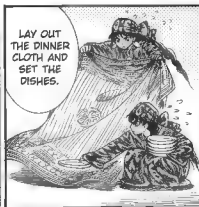
FIRST,
YOU'LL
NEED TEN
TROUT
FROM THE
RIVER.













IS IT A
SPECIAL
DAY?

WHAT
IS THIS?
IT'S LIKE A
FEAST!



OHH?



OF
COURSE
IT IS! SOUP
IS ALWAYS
BETTER
WHEN YOU
ADD SOME
SHRIMP OR
SHELLFISH
TO IT.

DEL-
CIOUS!

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
OF THE
TASTE?



WHAT'S
THIS
"CHARM"
BUSI-
NESS?



WHAT
ABOUT
THE
CHARM
!?

THIS IS
NOTHING
MORE
THAN A
REGULAR
DINNER!







THEY'LL
DO FOR
ME.

THEN
WE'RE
DECIDED?



THOSE TWO
ARE REALLY
HANDSOME.



LISTEN, THE
SECOND YOU
MAKE CONTACT,
SHAKE YOUR
HEAD AS HARD
AS YOU CAN.

THAT
WAY IT'LL
COME OFF
IN ONE
GO!



SO IT'S
LIKE
THIS?

SHOULDN'T
IT BE A
LITTLE
LOOSER?



NOT
YET...

A LITTLE
CLOSER...



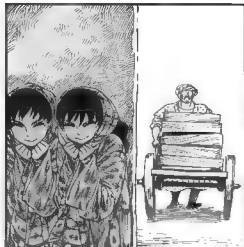
I'LL
TAKE
THE ONE
ON THE
RIGHT.

YOU GET
THE ONE
ON THE
LEFT,
LAILA.

GOT IT.











I'D
WANTED
TO WAIT AT
LEAST UNTIL
THEY WERE
JUST A
LITTLE MORE
MATURE.



FOR
GOD'S
SAKE.

IT'S ALL
A FATHER
CAN DO TO
KEEP THEM
UNDER
SOME SEM-
BLANCE OF
CONTROL.



OH?

OH??

SECOND
ELDEST

ELDEST



YOUR
TWO?

MY
ELDEST
TWO
BOYS.



YOUR
GIRLS AND
MY ELDEST
TWO BOYS.

YEAH.



AND I
DON'T THINK
THERE ARE
ANY HARD
FEELINGS
BETWEEN
THEM.

THEY'VE
ALL KNOWN
EACH OTHER
SINCE THEY
WERE
LITTLE.



SAY...

...IF
YOU DON'T
HAVE ANY
OBJECTIONS,
WHAT ABOUT
MY TWO?







WHY CAN'T YOU PAY ME BACK WITH A FREE BRIDE PRICE!?

BACK WHEN YOU COULDN'T CATCH A FISH, I SPLIT MY CATCH WITH YOU!

WHY DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I'M TRYING TO FIND BRIDES FOR MY BOYS EVEN WHEN I'M BROKE! THAT'S WHAT A FATHER IS!

WELL, IF YOU'VE GOT A BETTER OPTION OUT THERE, THEN CHOOSE THEM!

WHAT!?

SO THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE AFTER ALL ALONG!?

TRYING TO PROD FOR MY WEAK SPOTS!



GRR ...

...YOU WENT AND DROPPED MY BEST FISHING EQUIPMENT AND GOT IT ALL WASHED AWAY DOWN-RIVER!

WHAT YOU SAY MAY BE TRUE, BUT...



WELL ...

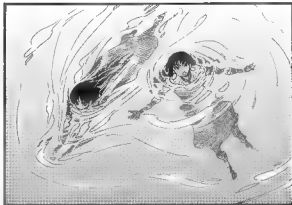


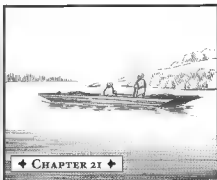
BESIDES, YOU WENT AND RAMMED MY NEW BOAT!

THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT, AND YOU KNOW IT!



BUT YOU WENT AND SMASHED MY HANDCART TO PIECES, DIDN'T YOU!?









GEEZ,
COME
ON, FA-
THER...

HEY,
DON'T
SLEEP ON
THE NET.

YOU'LL
DAMAGE
IT.



.....
IT
WOULD
BE TOO
MUCH
WORK,
RIGHT?



I CAN
HARDLY
IMAGINE
ONE OF THEM
BECOMING
MY WIFE.

I CAN'T
IMAGINE
IT YET
EITHER.



I WISH
FATHER
WOULD'VE
WORKED
A LITTLE
HARDER ON
FINDING
BRIDES.

THEY'RE
JUST
TOO CON-
VENIENT.

I MEAN,
LAILA
AND
LEILY...



THE ONLY
PERSON HE
MIGHT GET A
DEAL ON THE
BRIDE PRICE
FROM IS THOSE
TWO GIRLS'
FATHER,
RIGHT?

BUT I
THINK
I CAN
UNDER-
STAND.



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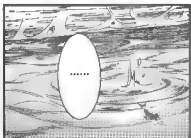


THAT WAY,
WHEN I HAVE
KIDS, I CAN PAY
A DECENT BRIDE
PRICE FOR THEIR
BRIDES.

I'VE
GOTTA
MAKE
SOME
MONEY.

GOOD
PLAN.
GO
DO IT.





◆
CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE
POSSIBILITIES FOR
THE TWINS
◆







WE
THOUGHT
WE'D BE ABLE
TO MARRY
SOMEBODY
WHO'D...

...DO
ANY-
THING
WE
SAY!

THAT'S
A
PRETTY
AWFUL
DREAM.

KNEW
THAT'S
WHAT
THEY'D
BE
THINK-
ING,
THOUGH



SOMEBODY
GOOD-
LOOKING
WITH LOTS
OF SHEEP!

SOME-
BODY
ATHLETIC!
SOME-
BODY
RICHI!



YOU
HAVE A
PROBLEM
WITH
US AS
BRIDES!?

A BIT
CLOSER
!? WHAT'S
THAT
MEANI?

LIKE
I SAID,
DON'T
TAKE IT
OUT ON
US.



...BUT
I COULD
HAVE DONE
WITH SOME-
BODY A BIT
CLOSER TO
MY IDEAL
WOMAN.

NOT THAT
WE WERE
SETTING OUR
SIGHTS TOO
HIGH...



LOOK...

...IT'S THE
SAME FOR
US, YOU
KNOW.



NO! YOU'LL
TELL THE
WORLD
ABOUT IT!

WHEN
DID YOU
SAY THAT?
TELL ME!
SPIT IT
OUT!



I
ONLY...

...I SAID
THAT
ONCE
A LONG
TIME
AGO!

HOW
LONG DO
YOU HOLD
ONTO
THOSE
MEMO-
RIES!?

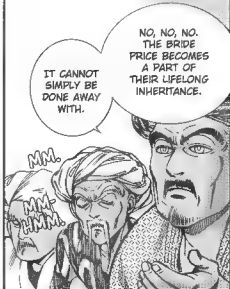
HE ONLY
LIKES GIRLS
WHO'VE GOT
A HUGE RACK,
RIGHT?

OH
YEAH. I
KNOW
ALL
ABOUT
SAMI.

EHT?
IS
THAT
RIGHT?













WHY
DON'T YOU
EACH PAIR
OFF WITH
ONE OF THE
BOYS AND
DISCUSS
SEPARATE-
LY?

THERE
ARE THINGS
YOU'LL ONLY
BE ABLE TO
FIND OUT
WHEN YOU'RE
APART.



AT ANY
RATE, WE
CAN'T JUST
SAY THAT IT
DOESN'T
MATTER WHO'S
PAIRED WITH
WHOM.

YOU FOUR
HAVE TO
DECIDE ON A
PARTNER.



AFTER THAT,
YOU CAN
CHOOSE WHICH-
EVER YOU LIKE
THE BEST.



...HOW
ABOUT WE
START OFF
LIKE THIS?

LET'S
SEE...









IT'S
BEEN A
LONG TIME
SINCE I
CAME
TO THIS
AREA.



WHERE
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
GOING,
LAILA?











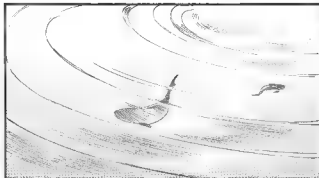


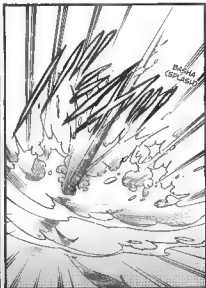


DO IT ON A DAY WHEN THERE ARE A LOT OF STREET PERFORMERS!

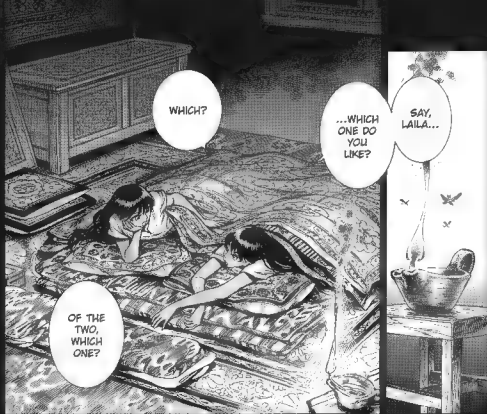












WHICH?

...WHICH
ONE DO
YOU
LIKE?

SAY,
LAILA...

OF THE
TWO,
WHICH
ONE?



IF I
HAD TO
CHOOSE, I'D
PROBABLY
PICK SAMI.

HMM...
IF I HAD
TO MAKE A
CHOICE, I'D
PROBABLY
SAY SARM.



IT'S DIVIDED
PERFECTLY!

THAT'S
AMAZ-
ING!



SAMI'S
MORE FUN TO
TALK TO, AND
HE DOESN'T
COMPLAIN
ABOUT WHAT
I DO.



SAM
UNDERSTANDS
ME BETTER,
AND HE'S
WILLING TO
DO WHAT
I SAY.



YEAH.

YOU BOTH
AGREE
ON WHICH
ONE YOU
WANT?

I
SEE...

SO
YOU'VE
DE-
CIDED?



FATHER!
FATHER!

IT'S
ALL DE-
CIDED!











IT'S A SECRET.



IT'S LIKE A LITTLE GRAIN OF STAR-LIGHT.



...HERE. IT'S YOURS.



I NEVER THOUGHT FOR A SECOND THAT IT'D BE YOU, LEILY.









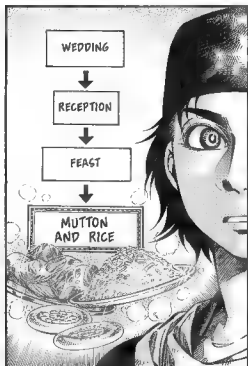










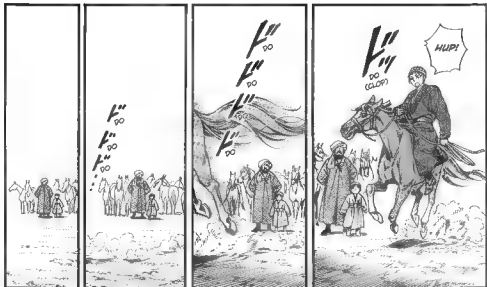




SIDE STORY
AT THE HORSE
MARKET

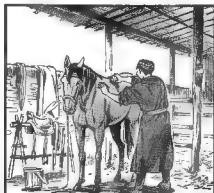






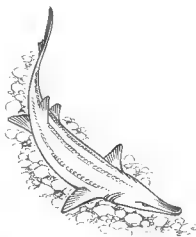






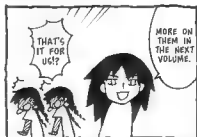
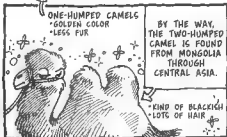
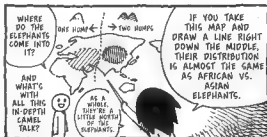
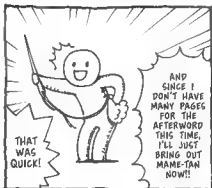
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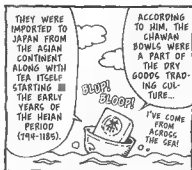




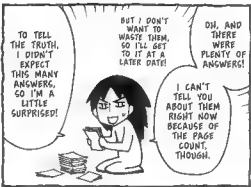
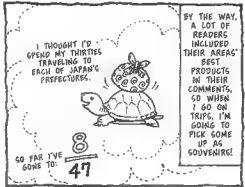
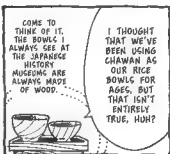
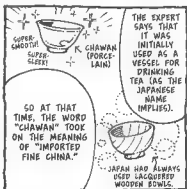
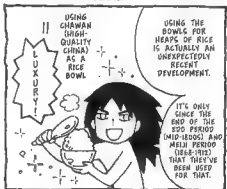
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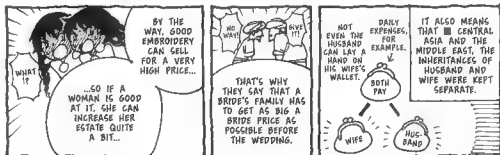
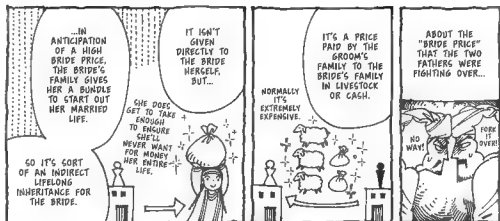
"WE ARE CHILDREN OF THE SEA"





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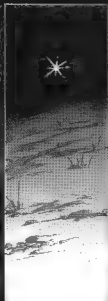
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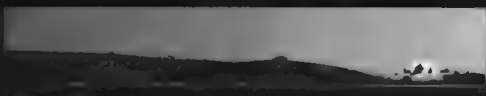
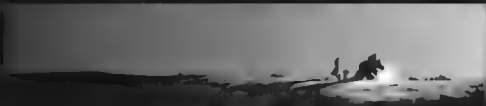
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YOUR
WEDDING
DAY IS
ALMOST
HERE.

IF IT'S
ABOUT THE
LOW BRIDE
PRICE,
WE'VE
ALREADY
HEARD.

IT ISN'T
MUCH, BUT
WHAT CAN
WE DO?

WHAT
IS IT,
MOTHER?

...BUT
BEFORE
THAT...

...AS YOUR
MOTHER,
I HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SAY TO
YOU.

MOTHER

IT'S
GOING TO
BE A SAD
PARTING.

IT'S
NOT
THAT.

EVER SINCE
YOUR MARRIAGE
PLANS WERE
SET, I'VE BEEN
THINKING...

THAT'S
RIGHT!
WE'LL BE
LIVING
REALLY
CLOSE
BY!

OH NO!
DON'T CRY!
WE'LL COME
BY AND SEE
YOU EVERY
NOW AND
THEN!

BUT...

BUT IT
ALSO MAKES
ME HAPPY
TO KNOW
THAT YOU'VE
BECOME FINE,
UPSTANDING
WOMEN.

I AM
SO GLAD
YOU'VE
GROWN TO
BE THIS
BIG AND
HEALTHY.

...THE
TIME WE
HAVE LEFT
TOGETHER
IS VERY
SHORT.





**YOU WILL
NOW BEGIN
A CRASH
COURSE
IN BRIDE-
HOOD!!**

**YOU WILL
DO AS I
SAY, AND I
WILL HEAR
NO COM-
PLAINTS!!**

H H H H H H H H ?

◆
**CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO
A CRASH COURSE
IN BRIDEHOOD**
◆



WE WANT EVERYBODY TO TALK ABOUT WHAT BEAUTIFUL BRIDES WE ARE!!

AND IF WE DO THAT, WE'LL BE EXHAUSTED BY THE WEDDING!



WE REALLY DON'T NEED ANY MORE TRAINING, MOTHER! RIGHT!



THE WAY WE LOOK, DEFINITELY.

THE WAY WE LOOK, RIGHT?

WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT? THE WAY YOU LOOK ON ONE DAY OR YOUR SUCCESS IN THE REST OF YOUR LIVES!?



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

THAT'S NOT THE POINT!



YOU MUST BECOME WOMEN WHOM OTHERS CAN RESPECT.

YOU MUST DO YOUR DUTIES AS WIVES AND MOTHERS.



I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD THINK THAT...

...BUT I MUST DISAGREE WITH YOU.



I'M ONLY DOING THIS WITH YOUR BEST INTERESTS IN—

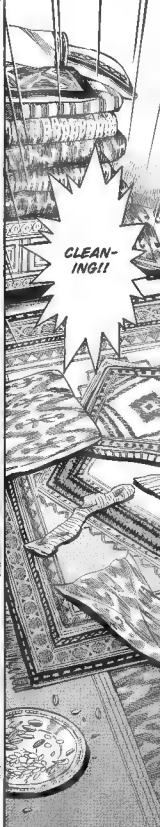
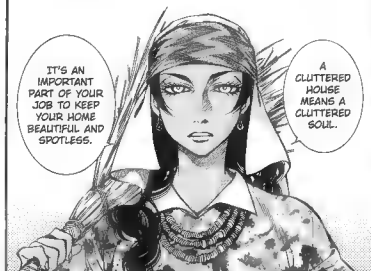


PAN
CBAM!

















...HERE WE
HAVE THE
WEDDING ATTIRE
THAT YOU'VE
ONLY HALF
COMPLETED.



NOW...



THAT
WAY IT'LL
COME OUT
PRETTIER!

AWW!
LET'S
HAVE
SOME-
BODY
ELSE DO
IT!



NO!

A BRIDE'S
ATTIRE
HAS ALWAYS
BEEN
SOMETHING
THE BRIDE
MAKES FOR
HERSELF!!



H
H
H?

YOU'RE
GOING TO
FINISH IT
BEFORE THE
WEDDING.



THERE
ARE
PEOPLE
WHO DO
THIS
FOR A
LIVING!

WEREN'T
WE GOING
TO ASK
SOMEBODY
REALLY
GOOD TO
DO IT?







...IT'S BEST
FOR AS MANY
PEOPLE AS
POSSIBLE TO TRY
THEIR NEEDLES
IN ANY BRIDAL
ATTIRE.

BE-
SIDES...



IT MAKES
FOR MORE
HAPPINESS.



YOU'LL
BE PRACTI-
CALLY
NEXT
DOOR.

IF
WE HAVE
QUESTIONS,
WE CAN
ALWAYS
COME
ASK.

WHAT'S
BEST IS TO
ALLOW OTHERS
TO ADD LITTLE
FINISHING
TOUCHES AT
THE END.

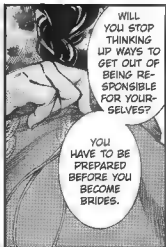
IF YOU
SLACK OFF
NOW, WHEN
SOME CRISIS
COMES UP
LATER, YOU
WON'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO.

IF I'D LED
WITH THAT,
YOU WOULD
HAVE KEPT
RELYING ON
EVERYONE
ELSE.

...MOTHER,
YOU NEVER
SAID ANY-
THING LIKE
THAT.



IT ISN'T
AS IF YOUR
MOTHER WILL
BE AROUND
FOREVER.



WILL
YOU STOP
THINKING
UP WAYS TO
GET OUT OF
BEING RE-
SPONSIBLE
FOR YOUR-
SELVES?

YOU
HAVE TO BE
PREPARED
BEFORE YOU
BECOME
BRIDES.



NO,
YOU
CAN'T.

CAN'T I
FAKE
THIS BIT
JUST A
LITTLE?

MOTH-
ER...?









YOU'LL
REMEMBER
WHAT I'VE
TAUGHT
YOU?

YEAH.

WHEN
YOU'RE
WITH CHILD,
I'LL TEACH
YOU MORE.

OKAY.

BE SURE
TO DO ANY-
THING YOUR
HUSBANDS'
FATHER AND
MOTHER
SAY.

BE SURE
TO MAKE
THEM
FOND OF
YOU.



TRY TO
GET ALONG
WELL WITH
YOUR
HUSBANDS.

KEEP YOUR
SELFISH
DEMANDS TO
A MINIMUM.

...OKAY.



